

CLAIMS

1. (currently amended) A battery pack for an electric power tool that comprises a tool housing with an electric motor arranged therein and a handle connected to the tool housing; the battery pack comprising:

a protective housing having a longitudinal center axis and a first end face and a second end face delimiting the protective housing in a longitudinal direction of the protective housing;

first and second individual battery cells of the battery pack received in the protective housing;

wherein the protective housing has a first housing side provided with a receiving shoe, wherein the receiving shoe is configured for mechanical attachment to a free end of the handle of the power tool;

wherein the receiving shoe has electrical contacts configured to connect to electrical lines connected to the electric motor of the power tool;

wherein the protective housing has a second housing side arranged opposite the first housing side and providing a support surface extending substantially in the longitudinal direction,

wherein the protective housing has a configuration that is determined by the arrangement of the first and second individual battery cells, wherein the first individual battery cells in the protective housing are arranged ~~in the longitudinal direction of the protective housing~~ sequentially behind one another in two parallel rows ~~determining in~~ a first portion of the protective housing and provided with a first portion of the support surface, wherein the ~~first and last individual battery cells of the two rows~~ extend in the longitudinal direction of the protective housing and wherein the two rows each have a first one and a last one of the first individual battery cells, viewed in the longitudinal direction, and said first one and said last one of the first individual battery cells are positioned at the first and second end faces, respectively;

wherein a second portion of the protective housing ~~and provided with~~ a second portion of the support surface ~~are is~~ determined by ~~at least one of the second individual battery cells of each one of the two parallel rows~~ arranged in a gap provided

between the first ~~and last~~ individual battery cells of the two parallel rows, respectively, being wherein at least one of the second individual battery cells is displaced relative to the first individual cells arranged in the two parallel rows by a displacement laterally outwardly relative to the longitudinal center axis;

~~_____ so that wherein~~ the second portion of the protective housing support surface is wider than the first portion of the ~~support surface~~ protective housing in a direction transversely to the longitudinal center axis of the protective housing so that the second portion of the support surface is wider than the first portion of the support surface.

2. (currently amended) The battery pack according to claim 1, wherein the second portion of the protective housing, when viewed in a plan view when the battery pack is arranged in a position of use on the power tool, is located in front of the receiving shoe.

3. (original) The battery pack according to claim 1, wherein the receiving shoe is configured to completely receive an end of the handle.

4. (canceled)

5. (currently amended) The battery pack according to claim 1, wherein the first and second individual battery cells together form a cross.

6. (currently amended) The battery pack according to claim 1, wherein ~~twelve~~ six of the first individual battery cells are provided and wherein six of the ~~twelve~~ second individual battery cells are provided and laterally displaced relative to the two rows of the six first individual battery cells ~~at least one row~~.

7. (canceled)

8. (currently amended) The battery pack according to claim 1, wherein the displacement laterally outwardly relative to the longitudinal center axis matches approximately half a diameter of the first and second individual battery cells, respectively.

9. (currently amended) The battery pack according to claim 1, wherein all of the first and second individual battery cells of the battery pack ~~of~~ have identical size.

10. (currently amended) A battery pack for an electric power tool that comprises a tool housing with an electric motor arranged therein and a handle connected to the tool housing; the battery pack comprising:

a protective housing having a longitudinal center axis and a first end face and a second end face delimiting the protective housing in a longitudinal direction of the protective housing;

first and second individual battery cells of the battery pack received in the protective housing;

wherein the protective housing has a first housing side provided with a receiving shoe, wherein the receiving shoe is configured for mechanical attachment to a free end of the handle of the power tool;

wherein the receiving shoe has electrical contacts configured to connect to electrical lines connected to the electric motor of the power tool;

wherein the protective housing has a second housing side arranged opposite the first housing side and providing a support surface extending substantially in the longitudinal direction;

wherein the protective housing has a configuration that is determined by the arrangement of the first and second individual battery cells, wherein the first individual battery cells in the protective housing are arranged ~~parallel to the longitudinal direction of the protective housing~~ sequentially behind one another in ~~at least one~~ a row determining a first portion of the protective housing ~~and provided with~~ a first portion of the support surface, wherein a first one and a last one of the first and last individual battery cells of the at least one row are positioned at the first and second end faces, respectively, and wherein the row extends parallel to the longitudinal direction of the protective housing;

~~wherein a second portion of the protective housing and a second portion of the support surface are determined by at least two of the second individual battery cells of each one of the at least one row are arranged in a gap between the first and last individual battery cells that are arranged in the row parallel to the longitudinal direction, respectively, being wherein the at least two second individual battery cells define a second portion of the protective housing provided with a second portion of the support surface and wherein at least one of the at least two second individual battery cells is displaced laterally outwardly relative to the longitudinal center axis such that a displaced row portion is formed and the second portion of the support surface of the protective housing is wider than the~~

first portion of the support surface of the protective housing in a transverse direction transversely to the longitudinal center axis of the protective housing; and

wherein by displacing the at least one of the two second battery cells
~~displaced row portion provides a space~~ is provided and for at least one ~~an additional one~~
of the second individual battery cells is positioned in said space ~~cell~~ so that ~~two of the~~ at
least one of the two second individual battery cells and the additional one of the second
individual battery cells are positioned adjacent to one another in the transverse direction
~~within the displaced row portion and the space.~~